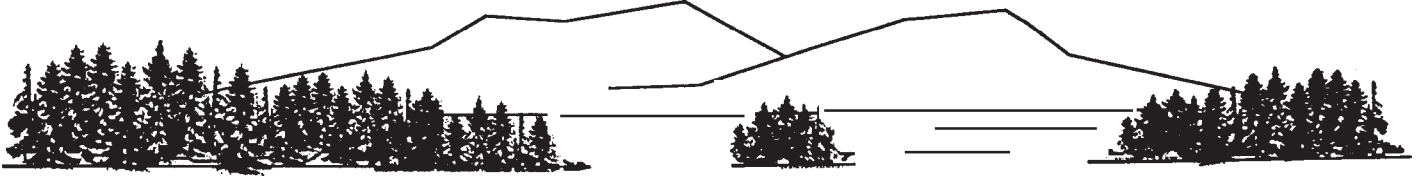


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NEWSLETTER

As we head into the fifth fiscal year for the *Tuftonboro Times* we are in OK shape, with funds in hand to cover this issue. As of two years ago the *Times* started to be on firmer financial footing, due primarily to proceeds received from two fund raising events held in 2000 and 2001, these proceeds covering a significant part of each year's annual costs for the newsletter. The rest of each year's budget was supplied by reader contributions.

This year a fund raising event is not going to be possible, so in its stead we have decided to try a direct solicitation envelope inserted in the newsletter. Previously I wrote in this column how much the *Times* appreciated its faithful corps of contributors, but expressed the wish that the circle of donors could widen to include more people giving as little as \$5.00 (of the 1,200 newsletters mailed, if only half of the recipients gave \$5.00 a year the cost of all four issues would be covered!). Hopefully the solicitation envelope will make it easier for more people to participate. All help will be much appreciated!

Ann Hackl

PROFILE

Henry Forrest Libby, the founder of the Libby Museum 90 years ago, was born on a Tuftonboro Neck farm on April 7, 1850, the son of Moses and Vesta (Wiggin) Libby, the second of five children. Henry grew up as a farm boy on Tuftonboro Neck, which at that time was nearly all open farmland. With little early formal education and some time at the Wolfeborough-Tuftonborough Academy (now Brewster), Henry Libby, at the age of twenty, decided to leave school and the family farm and apprenticed himself to an itinerant dentist. After two years in this capacity and still impoverished, he moved to Boston where he stayed in a Roxbury boarding house, worked for a dentist, audited courses at Harvard, and associated with artistic/literary friends. He began sculpting during this period.

Still virtually penniless, he worked himself into a state of collapse, but his hard work earned him a chance to enroll at Harvard Dental School. His two year course of study was interrupted by a bout with rheumatic fever, perhaps exacerbated by his long hours "moonlighting" in outside laboratories. He persisted, however, with characteristic determination and finished all requirements except service in the school infirmary, impossible for him to do with his laboratory work but an insufficiency which caused him to be denied a formal graduation.

Nonetheless, he set up his own practice in 1884 on Shawmut Avenue and was sufficiently successful that he

could ask his former Latin teacher, Hattie E. Horne of Tamworth, to marry him. The wedding was on May 5, 1875 and Libby wrote that "from then on time and prosperity kept even pace." During the period from 1876 to 1878 Libby produced and copyrighted five major sculptures, exhibiting them at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts with favorable critical acclaim. Some pieces were even sent to England to be reproduced in porcelain. Soon thereafter Libby moved his home and office to 508 Commonwealth Avenue overlooking Kenmore Square. His practice grew in the new location and he no longer had time for sculpture.

He did have time for other pursuits, however. He loved canoeing on the lakes to fish, also hunting and hiking (especially Mt. Chocorua) on his weekends in New Hampshire, sometimes spending days away in the woods, at which time he would collect skeletons and other wildlife specimens. He was at first particularly interested in insects, but his natural curiosity soon brought him to many other species whose teeth and jaws especially fascinated him. He was in New Hampshire a lot. Henry purchased a little house from his father Moses' farm, hauled it across the Winter Harbor ice to its current location on the Lake just south of the Libby Museum. He considerably enlarged it to accommodate his expanding lifestyle and his collection of specimens.

Entrepreneurial by nature, Henry Libby owned a large parcel of land extending well down Lang Pond Rd. and along Rt. 109 north of the Museum, the parcel having a lot of frontage on Mirror Lake (400' of which remains today with the Libby Museum land). On this land he attempted in 1907 an unsuccessful forestry plantation in former farm fields. He also owned Rattlesnake Island which he heavily timbered, possibly to help pay for the Museum. He bought land on Libby Street in Wolfeboro and built four "company" houses, all identical, to rent to Wolfeboro mill workers.

His dentistry practice continued to flourish and his reputation was greatly enhanced by his invention of new dentistry techniques and tools. He was asked to give clinics at Harvard and the Forsythe Dental Infirmary and was honored by Boston's prestigious Society for Dental Improvement. Henry Libby retired from dentistry in 1912 at the age of 62, leaving his practice in the hands of his only child, Dr. Arthur Allen Libby. He then proceeded to consummate his dream of many years, building a natural history museum to house his collection.

Libby designed the Museum himself in collaboration with a Wolfeboro builder (believed to be Goodwin and Doe) and a Boston architect. He made several scaled

models to explore design options. The ultimate building is 40 feet wide, 120 feet long, and 28 feet high, comprising one large single room. The north and east walls are 12 feet thick with a hollow core through which air flows up from foundation openings, passing over the cool soil of the crawl space. This effective and ingenious cooling/ventilation system vents this circulating air through openings located just below the window line. The building was designed for summer use only, and therefore had no heat.

Henry made all of the display cases himself and mounted most of the exhibits except for the taxidermy specimens which Mr. Perkins from Barnstead prepared. His artistic hand can be felt throughout the Museum. An article in the *Springfield Republican* in August of 1930 marveled, "Exhibits are left open to the public. Nothing is locked and never has anything been taken." However, in 1950 the Museum was burgled and one of Libby's sculptures stolen along with many artifacts from the French and Indian War.

Henry Libby was also a politician, being elected to the State Legislature in 1914, 1916, and 1918. He caused great controversy by opposing women's right to vote. As a writer he wrote extensively throughout his life on a variety of subjects: scientific (*A Study of the Wild Honey Bee* was published the month he died), poetic (*One Day*, a book of poems ca. 1900), and philosophic (as a transcendentalist and Unitarian). Late in his life, in 1927, he was awarded a degree from Harvard at last, an honorary Doctorate of Dentistry in recognition of his many contributions to the field. He was a man of intellect, conviction, and endless energy, qualities which drew him to the "Philadelphia Colony," a group of intellectual socialites summering in the area. Libby's expansive life also included a 43 foot steam yacht, the "Mohawk," and a second 50 foot boat, the "Westwind." When Henry Libby died suddenly in July of 1933 at the age of 83, businesses in Wolfeboro closed in his honor. The funeral was held in his beloved Museum and he was buried in Lakeview Cemetery. The Libby Museum, celebrating this summer its 90th Anniversary, continues today as an enduring monument to this extraordinarily accomplished man.

Ann Hackl

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TOWN REPORT

Summer is approaching, and there are many things happening around town. The Selectmen have been working on getting everything in place for the closing of the landfill. Notices have been placed in the papers and a Request for Bids should now be out. Paving will be done on Sodom, Chase Point and Thomas Point Roads. Many discussions have taken place concerning the parking lot at 19 Mile Bay. Trailer parking and signage are issues. Junk cars are also a hot topic. Notices should be going out soon. The Town is in the process of updating its computer system. A reminder - Household Hazardous Waste Day is being held on July 27th when hazardous waste should be brought to Wolfeboro. As many of you already know, Heather has decided to stay home with her new baby, Giana. The Town is searching for a part time office assistant. The Board of Selectmen meets Monday evenings at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. We look forward to community participation. Please join us.

Rick Chellman, Bill Stockman, Susan Weeks
Board of Selectmen

TUFTONBORO SWIM PROGRAM

The summer swimming program will begin with registration at the new Nineteen Mile Bay Beach on Friday July 5th from 1-3 p.m.. Registration will continue on Saturday July 6th from 9-11 a.m. All registrants must be at least five years old. Classes will be conducted in all levels of swimming and aquatic safety according to Red Cross standards. The instructors are Mary Ann Murray and Kathy Roseen.

A summer swim team also runs concurrently with the program. Any youngster who is able to swim 25 yards is eligible to participate.

The program and the swim team run 4 days per week with meets and make-ups on Fridays. This year the program will officially begin on July 8th and end on August 1st. A special week of optional practice for returning and potential swim team members will be held July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 9-10 a.m. and again on July 5th from 1-2 p.m.

This year's meet schedule includes a home and away meet with Swampscott beach Club; meets with Wolfeboro and other surrounding camps are a possibility. This is a fun program where everyone participates and a great opportunity to increase swimming skills. Join us this summer!

Mary Ann Murray

TUFTONBORO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

At the Kingswood Regional High School Awards night held on June 16th, the Tuftonboro Trustees of the Trust Funds presented seven Leon Shepherd Scholarship awards to the following graduating seniors:

Steven Babalis (University of Rhode Island), Jessica Parris (Thomas College to study Criminal Justice), Brian Hersey (University of N.H. Whittemore School of Business), Morgan Cram (University of New Hampshire), Marenn Baker (New England College), Shama Fronczak (University of New Hampshire), and Kelsey Boucher (University of New Hampshire)

The Trustees congratulate these fine Tuftonboro students and wish them success in their college studies!

Barbara McClure

PLANNING BOARD

At the Public Hearing on April 18, 2002 the Planning board heard an application by Engle and Hoffman for a Boundary Line Adjustment on Little Bear Island. An existing lot located between lots owned by Engle and Hoffman was divided in half; one half was added to Engle's lot and the other half added to Hoffman's lot, thereby making two larger lots out of three. The application was given conditional approval pending setting of monuments and the addition of notes and correction of typos on the plat.

The May 2, 2002 meeting was spent reviewing the classification of all roads in the Town of Tuftonboro. This came up in response to RSA 674.41 requiring streets to have a classification of Class V or better before any building permits or erection of a building is permitted. The classification process was completed and a Public Hearing was scheduled for June 6, 2002 prior to final approval of the classifications.

On May 16, 2002 the Board heard two applications, one by Jon and Stanley Daley for a two-lot subdivision on Federal Corner Road and the second by Timberwolf Development Corporation and Carolyn Pope for a Boundary Line Adjustment on Caverly Point Road. The first proposal involved dividing a 40 acre lot with over 700 feet of frontage on Federal Corner Road into a 2 acre lot, a 26.16 acre lot, and making a boundary line adjustment of 11.75 acres with abutting property owner Joe Ewing. Both proposed lots have State DES approval for septic systems. The Board granted a conditional approval pending three corrections to the plat. The second application involved a Boundary Line Adjustment between Timberwolf Development Corporation and Carolyn Pope conveying a 6' strip of land containing a water pipe easement to the Lake from Timberwolf to Pope in order to remove any encumbrance on the Timberwolf land. The application was given tentative approval pending two minor corrections on the plan.

At the June 6, 2002 meeting the Board reviewed and approved the corrected plans from both Timberwolf/Pope and Daley; both plans were signed by the Chairman. At the same meeting a Public Hearing was held concerning the classification of Town roads in response to RSA 674.4 1. There was limited attendance at the meeting and few questions were asked. The road plat and classification list was approved as presented.

Work continues on the Subdivision Regulations at regular meetings whenever there is no other business and at meetings scheduled as workshops for that purpose. The end is in sight, but numerous last minute issues surface and need to be addressed before the revised regulations can go to Public Hearing.

Ken Cookson

TUFTONBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A busy winter and spring have set the stage for a great summer at the Museum and the Historical Society. Many enjoyed our Holiday tree over the month of December. We thank our friends for their generosity in funding the lights, Sue and Rick Weeks for their hard work, Dan Libby for hanging the lights, and Stan Daley for the electrical work. Everyone agrees this was a wonderful addition to our winter season.

Spring has seen lots of work at the Museum with cleaning, new displays, new acquisitions, new track lighting, and a new inventory project - all to be ready for our opening in July. Track lighting has been installed in the main room and on the porch thanks to a donation by friends of the Museum. The lighting shows our displays and collections to better advantage. Also this year we have begun to inventory the Museum, photographing and cataloging the collection. Sisters Mindy Jones and Maggie Weeks have taken on this project. This new computer catalogue and computer photo record will be kept offsite to insure that our history will be preserved. Sue Weeks has cleaned the Museum and the signs are ready to hang for opening day, July 1st. Please visit; we are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 to 4 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

Memorial Day: our opening meeting this year was a treat for history buffs, a presentation by author Jean Fahey whose recently published book *Mustered! Foot Soldiers of the 12th* tells the Civil War story of the N.H. 12th Regiment.

June 23: our meeting at the Museum will remember the Grave By The Lake dedication ceremony in honor of the 50th Anniversary of this Tuftonboro landmark.

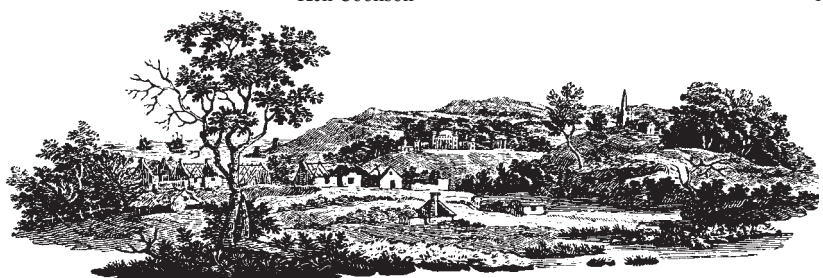
July 28: at 7:30 pm member Dick Frye will present his "History of the Mirror Lake Church at the Willing Workers Hall." As always, the public is invited.

August 17: our annual Flea Market and Craft Sale will feature many local crafters who will display items for sale on the lawn of the Museum. The Historical Society will have a flea market table with all revenue going to new projects. Donations of books, white elephant items, linens, tools, small appliances and small furniture are accepted. Please drop off items on the front porch of Mary Hunter's home, 467 Governor Wentworth Highway, Melvin Village. Please help support the Historical Society and local craft people.

Sept. 22: our annual meeting will again be a potluck supper held at 6:30 p.m. at the Willing Workers Hall, followed by a program by Dan Rhoda from Camp Sentinel. Bring your own place setting and food to share.

Special requests or questions about the Historical Society? Call Mary Hunter at 544-2400.

Mary Hunter



CHURCH NEWS

Mirror Lake Community Church is open for the summer months (June 16 through September 8, 2002), and Sunday worship is celebrated with a different Guest Preacher each week. All are invited to attend these services. Again this summer, the music service will be under the joint leadership of Fred Bender of Center Tuftonboro and Kathryn Peterson of Wolfeboro. We will be enjoying the services of many new musicians. Linda Siracusa of Wolfeboro will be conducting Sunday School during July and August. She will also lead a Vacation bible School. Call her at 569-3716 for details.

A display of Ernest Piper's Indian artifacts, owned by the church, has been developed by Richard Frye of Center Tuftonboro and Concord and will be available for viewing at the Libby Museum this summer. This display is believed to include artifacts dating back as far as 6000 B.C.

Melvin Village Community Church will be welcoming back on July 1st interim ministers Reverends Robert and Luann Ketcham. With the departure of Peter O'Neil as our minister, the church is once again indebted to the Minister-At-Large program which previously had placed the Ketchams with us with us from September 1999 through January 2001. It will be an advantage to us, as well as to them that we are already acquainted. The Reverends Ketcham live in Ossipee but will at times reduce their commute by making use of the parsonage. A Pastoral Search Committee has been formed and is laying the groundwork toward finding a new pastor.

Summer, as always, is a busy time in the life of our church. July brings the annual church *Auction and Fair* (July 20 and 27) which offers quality items at bargain prices, plus good food and a chance to visit with friends. The proceeds help fund ongoing church programs. The barn will be open to receive donations Saturday mornings from 8 until 12. If you have large items to be picked up, please contact Duke Southard at 539-6560. Your donations and support of these activities are appreciated. Next, in August, comes our very popular *Church Adventure Week*, under the leadership of Amy Donovan. This program is offered for children ages 4 to 12. Last year we had fifty children, both year round and seasonal residents. Please call the church office (544-9661) by July 26 to register your child. See Community Calendar for dates. Finally, August 31 (the Saturday of Labor Day week-end) arrives with the *Flea Market & Giant Yard Sale* held on the church grounds. Clean out, make something, rent a table and sell your wares. This event always attracts a good gathering and provides a good opportunity to buy, sell and socialize. For information or to rent a table, please contact Duke and Barbara Southard at 539-6560.

Everyone is always invited to attend the 10 a.m. Sunday worship services as well as all activities of the church.

Kathy Mendenhall

THE BEATIFUL ISLE OF SAND

As you glide out through "Hole In The Wall" past Little Bear, Cow and Ragged Islands, on the edge of the "Broads" lies one of Lake Winnepesaukee's most picturesque islands, Sandy Island, with magnificent views of the Ossipee, Belknap and Presidential Ranges. On a sunny Sunday in June, I met with George Pacheco, Director of Sandy Island and Executive Director of the YMCA of Greater Boston Camping Services. We sat at a picnic table as George related the history of the island and his twenty-one year involvement. All around us the island bustled with pre-season campers planting summer flowers, shooting hoops at a nearby basketball court, or canoeing or kayaking.

In the winter of 1899, a committee from the Boston YMCA Association visited Lake Winnepesaukee. After crossing over the ice to inspect the sixty-six acre island, the Association leased it for a fee of \$100 per year from the owners, Walter A. and Agnes E. Brown. By 1900 the Association had bought the island for \$2,000. At first "Camp Buena Vista," named for the island's setting, was strictly for young men from the Boston area. Early camp life was rugged. Campers slept on tent platforms, helped to fill cribs with rocks for a wharf, cut firewood, and removed rocks to clear space for an athletic field. Campers went without flush toilets, electricity, telephones, or showers. Bathing and washing clothes were done in the lake.

The main mode of travel was and still is by boat. In the early years the Association could only afford rowboats and canoes. Weekly excursions were taken on the public steamer *West Wind* and the camp was a port-of-call for the *Belle of the Isles*, which ran between Lakeport and Melvin Village. In 1989 the forty-foot diesel powered *Sandy II* was set into service ferrying passengers to and from the mainland and campers on excursions. Today, in addition to *Sandy II*, there are two workboats, a water ski boat, and many canoes and kayaks.

In 1932 a Family Camp, limited to the last two weeks in August, was introduced and proved to be a successful experiment. The first family cabin was built in 1952. Now, 50 years later, there are more than 50 cabins, each holding from two to three or from four to six individuals. The dining hall lodge was built in the 1940s. In those days there was a different program director each week. The original staff of twelve has grown to sixty today with a full time director, a food service manager and program manager. The initial 40 to 60 campers per week now totals 180 per week!

The same families have been coming back for the same weeks, in the same cabins, for years. For example Week Two and Week Four are made up of the same six to eight families and extensions of those families. The average stay is one week, from Saturday to Saturday. As George put it, "Nine weeks, nine personalities." A LOA (Leave of Absence) is a one-week sabbatical that will be approved for campers wishing to go elsewhere for their week's vacation. If they do not return the year following the LOA, they then relinquish that cabin for that week, thereby providing a spot for new families. With ninety-one percent retention of year-to-year campers, the average

longevity is 22 years or generation to generation. The longest standing family is in its 63rd year this season. There is a wait list for each of the nine weeks of camping.

The season runs from the Fourth of July to the last week in August. Pre- and post-season weekends, as well as Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, cater to groups. The camp is closed from October to November, and from April to May for repairs and renovations. Labor Day Weekend is set aside for former staffers. The basic core of volunteers is made up of five key volunteers called "weekenders," who help each weekend from mid-April to the first of November. These volunteers are the main resource for getting the camp ready in early spring and closed up in late fall. They sew curtains, repair buildings, and see to the maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

Sandy Island Camp offers unique and varying Family Programs, from line dancing to a family fishing program in collaboration with the NH Fish and Game, to programs on Ragged Island in collaboration with the Science Center of NH. Every Thursday evening there is a talent show, often quite professional as some of the campers are entertainers from the New York stage. Campers bring with them their special interests to share with other campers and staffers. One camper, a watercolor artist, held an art show at the end of the week. Week Number Nine campers have a winter reading club, and discuss the various books at camp in the summer. Tennis, sailing, windsurfing, and water skiing lessons are included in the week's activities. Bocce, horseshoes and basketball tournaments culminate weeklong competitions. There is a full craft shop and camp store to purchase soda, candy, tee shirts, sun block etc.

Special programs are provided for children three to five years old in The Little Red Schoolhouse; there is a Junior Program for six to eight year olds; "Cave" (Creative Adventure Excursions) is offered for nine to twelve year olds; and nature based adventures on the Island and elsewhere are available for teens. On free days excursions are offered: Tuesday, a shopping trip to Wolfeboro; Sunday evening, an outing to the Weirs; Wednesday evening, a Cruise to Meredith. On Thursday the "Cave" and Junior Programs visit the Weirs water slide and picnic at the Beach. There are no hidden costs; food, lodging, lessons, activities are all included into the price of the week's stay. Only at the craft center is there a small fee for materials, not for the activity. In 1989 Carole Todaro, wife of the late Director, Nate Todaro, began a Suzuki music camp for violin and piano students and their families, a program evolving from a pre-season staff training camp. Nate was affiliated with the camp for 35 years and the activity center now bears his name.

During the off-season, George heads up public relations. During the winter, participants from each of the various Weeks (I through 9) have reunions. George remarked, "There are lasting bonds made which carry beyond the camping season. Campers have a common thread, the 'Sandy Spirit,' which may be a myth but is very real. Our goal is to provide the best possible camping experience with programs and camping in modern facilities while holding on to such long time traditions."

Rosalie Triolo

TUFTONBORO FREE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library's annual Book & Bake Sale will be held Saturday July 6th from 8:30 till noon. The selection this year will be huge! Free door prize drawing for children at noon gives kids a chance to win a portable CD-player and a new book CD. Join the Friends now and get in to the sale 1/2 hour early for the best selection!

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Lions & Tigers & Books, Oh My!" Check out our amazing jungle hut, and we'll hang your book reports from the rafters! For every book report turned in, kids get a chance to pick from the prize grab bag. And of course the candy jar returns - whoever guesses closest to the actual amount each week wins all the candy in the jar. We also offer the following special programs for children on Thursdays at 2:00 pm.:

July 11 - Magician Douglas Coughlin will perform a magic show and then present a workshop on juggling - with scarves! We have the scarves; all we need is you! Sign up at the library.

July 18 - Enjoy popcorn, lemonade, air-conditioning and Disney's "The Road to El Dorado," an animated tale about Tulio, Miguel and their hilarious horse Altivo as they set sail in search of golden treasure!

July 25 - Join UNH's Theatre Department's presentation of "Little Red Wagon," a fun play about the "Star Spangled Circus."

August 1 - Catch "Dinosaur," an action packed Disney adventure about a group of dinosaurs overcoming enormous challenges through courage, loyalty and hope.

August 8 - See "Tall Tale: The Unbelievable Adventure," a Disney film starring Patrick Swayze as Pecos Bill who teams up with Paul Bunyan and John Henry to help a brave young man in a fight against a greedy land-grabber.

August 15 - Take a break with Disney's "Flubber" starring Robin Williams as a brilliant but befuddled professor who experiments with his own big bang theory and invents a miraculous elastic goo-Flubber.

The Friends of the Library's annual meeting will be on Thursday, August 15. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by a special live concert by "Caravan." Get ready to dance and enjoy the refreshments!

Don't forget the free passes available at the Library for local and not-so-local attractions. New this year: Canterbury Shaker Village and the Portsmouth Children's Museum. The Library still offers passes for the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Currier Gallery of Art, Libby Museum, Museum of New Hampshire History, New Hampshire Antique and Classic Boat Museum, New Hampshire Farm Museum, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Strawberry Banke and the Wright Museum.

The Library is constantly receiving new books and videos, so check out the latest arrivals for your summer reading!

Christie Sarles
Lindalee Lambert
Librarians

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Invasive plants, such as milfoil, are becoming more and more of a problem for New Hampshire's lakes. Plants have been spreading from lake to lake via bits of plant material attached to boat motors and trailers. In an effort to stem this alarming trend, the N.H. Lakes Association is implementing this summer an education/prevention program which will grant towns funds to staff public, motorized launch sites with trained "Lake Hosts" (up to \$3,000 per site). The "Lake Hosts" will monitor boats both entering and leaving the water, distribute pamphlets, conduct a brief survey and courtesy boat/trailer inspection (removing and properly disposing of all vegetation found) and answering questions.

The Tuftonboro Conservation Commission has just received a \$2,988 grant from the N.H. Lakes Association to fund three "Lake Hosts" who will be monitoring the town dock at Nineteen Mile Bay. These three "Lake Hosts" will be Tuftonboro teenagers who will be readily identified by their "official" Lake Host shirt, cap, and name badge. They will have received specific training before beginning their monitoring responsibilities (Tuftonboro hosted a regional training session on June 19th at the Tuftonboro Central School). The work of the "Lake Hosts" this summer will provide a valuable service to the town as well as to the entire Lake. Kris Kenison is the "point person" for this project.

Ann Hackl

HIKERS

Home-baked pies, cakes, cookies and various kinds of goodies will be on sale at the Melvin Village Post Office and bank area on Saturday, June 29 as the Hikers have their annual bake sale. The baked goods will begin to arrive at 8:30 and will be sold all morning until sell-out.

The Hikers will be awarding thirteen recipients a portion of the \$10,000 raised towards scholarships last year. After a very successful Rummage Sale in May, followed by our Fashion Show at Castle in the Clouds, our next year's scholarship fund is off to a great start.

The Hikers House Tour is scheduled for Thursday, July 25 from 10:00 A.M. until 4 P.M. A \$25 Ticket will allow you to tour four lovely area homes and a garden plus enjoy a delicious lunch. Tickets can be purchased as of July 1 at the Tuftonboro Town Office, Tuftonboro General Store on Route 109A, the Community Bank in Melvin Village, and after July 11 at Black's Paper Store and Community Bank in Wolfeboro. If there are any questions, call 544-9048.

At the August 15 meeting, a guest speaker from Canterbury Shaker Village, Heidi Hertzberger, will speak about how the Shakers preserve and use herbs, a topic that should appeal to many members.

In September there will be two meetings. The first, on September 5, will be a business meeting with a speaker to be announced. The second, on September 19, a trip to Jones Glass Museum will be a fun adventure with carpools leaving from the Melvin Village Community Church at 9:30 A.M. Reservations are limited and can be made through Moni Zarinsky or Rae Lynn Warren.

Questions? Call Terri White, President, 544-3236.

Terri White

ABENAKI TOWER AND TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The seventy-seventh Annual meeting of the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association will be held in the Community Room of the Tuftonboro Public Library on Saturday, August 10, 2002 at 3:00 PM. The election of officers for the coming year and the election of new Directors will be the primary business of the meeting. Two of the new Directors of the Association, Don Chase and Irwin Wood, are also members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will present a program on the activities and work of the Auxiliary.

The Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is a private, nonprofit organization that maintains the Abenaki Tower for the enjoyment of the general public. All are welcome to attend this annual meeting. Membership in the Abenaki Tower and Trail Association is \$20 per year for a family, and we would encourage all people interested in the activities of the Town of Tuftonboro to become members. Membership dues are used to maintain the tower.

Norman Farwell

WINNIPESAUKEE'S "BARBER POLE"

Lake Winnepesaukee has many intriguing place names, one of which is "The Barber Pole," a narrow bit of water in Tuftonboro between Tuftonboro Neck and Cow Island. This curious name is explained by John Veazey of Laconia. According to John, his grandfather William D. Veazey and his father Allen G. Veazey rafted sawlogs on the lake. To maneuver the logs through the narrow strait between Pick Point and Cow Island the Veazeys attached a cable to a lakeside tree. As a steamboat pulled the logs through the channel it caused the cable to wrap around the tree, stripping off the tree's bark in a spiral pattern similar to the stripes on a barber pole. The tree's appearance quickly earned the area the name "Barber Pole." Years later, when the striped tree died, someone put a wooden barber pole on a rock in the channel. John Veazey believes this was a tribute to his father and grandfather. Eventually this marker also disappeared.

Last summer, through the efforts of John Veazey and help from the Marine Patrol, the Barber Pole marker has returned. The occasion prompted John Veazey to reminisce about growing up on the lake and helping to haul logs from Melvin to the Weirs, a trip that took six days with much of the work done at night when the lake was calm. The logs were confined inside a boom made of other logs chained together. Hardwood logs would sink, so they had to be lashed to two pine logs to be kept afloat. A steamboat would pull the logs through the Barber Pole channel to Middle Ground Shoal, then head for Lakeport passing the south end of Welch Island, past Timber Island, over the rock pile known as "the Witches," along the north and east sides of Eagle Island, and finally into Weirs Bay where the logs would accumulate off Pendleton Beach until the Lakeport Dam was opened and the logs could be carried on the current down through Paugus Bay to the sawmill there. So the newly installed Barber Pole is much more than a navigational marker - it is a symbolic reminder of early life on the Big Lake.

(Note: this article is based on one written by Bea Lewis for the Citizen, August 9, 2001).

Ann Hackl

CONCORD OBSERVER

While a compromise may have been reached by the time you read this, the redistricting impasse in the New Hampshire legislature has been an exercise in the failure of the political process that will affect Tuftonboro for years. The complex subject, hinging on obscure legalisms and political paradigms, is about as enticing to most people as wading through IRS instructions. Yet it may decide whether Tuftonboro and other towns will retain their identities. Political power grabs are nothing new, yet the question of state legislative redistricting has never before been decided by our Supreme Court. It came close in 1981, but a compromise was reached before they acted.

The problem stems from the American version of democracy. Rather than using proportional representation, as in many parliamentary systems, we depend on winner-take-all elections. This means that slight changes in the political structure can control the outcome. A small minority of votes for the Green Party gave the presidency to the Republicans; redrawing district lines for political advantage has been raised to new heights by census and geographic software. Politicians now have computers that map boundaries based on data as refined as comparing your voter registration to which side of the street you live on. Gaming the system is normal. Winston Churchill said: "Democracy is the worst system devised by the wit of man, except for all the others."

When the two large parties contend to draw district boundaries to give themselves an advantage in total seats, they do so at the expense of accurately representing the voters. Minority parties and swing voters that create uncertainty are anathema; parties spend most of their resources on a few heavily contested elections. In order to maintain power, "safe" districts are preferred, and incumbents have a tremendous advantage. With favorable boundaries, elections may be decided based on reasons that have no relation to the views of 99% of the electorate, and a party may win without a majority of votes.

We call this democracy. This Alice-in-Wonderland approach troubled even Louis Carroll, who as a mathematician devised complicated alternative voting procedures to minimize such aberrations. There are many alternatives such as preference voting, where voters pick first, second, and third choices, won by the candidate with the largest total of weighted votes, or other permutations. Under the current system, many people feel they have no chance to be heard, and fail to vote.

The federal and state constitutions require redrawing districts to conform with census data every ten years. Supreme Court decisions emphasize a theoretical "one person - one vote" ideal, but allow for many exceptions based on political considerations. The state constitution further requires that districts follow the boundaries of contiguous towns and wards, allowing the division of towns into wards only by request of its voters, and also requires the state Senate to have single-member districts. The 400-seat New Hampshire House has numerous multiple-member districts and "floterial" (overlay) districts, combining towns, in order to have each seat theoretically represent approximately the same number of voters. The 24 Senate Districts are a lesser

math problem, but still a political problem.

The real problem for Tuftonboro is that its population is too small to entitle it to a House district by itself. The 2000 Census reported that New Hampshire's total population was 1,235,786. Dividing that by 400 House seats yields an "ideal population" for each House district of 3,089. Tuftonboro had a population of 2,148. It must therefore be combined with other towns, creating districts where other towns with the majority of voters may not agree with the positions of Tuftonboro voters. At present, Tuftonboro is in Carroll County House District 10, along with Moultonborough, Sandwich, and Tamworth, and has two Representatives (Lee Quimby from Sandwich and Gary Torressen from Moultonborough). In the 1990 census, the population for the four towns was 8,175, while the ideal population for the two seats was 5,536, so all four towns have been grossly under-represented. The 2000 Census population of the four towns was 10,428, while the ideal population for two seats is 6,178. The "deviation" from the ideal population has increased from 2639 to 4250, and exceeds 50%, which violates constitutional standards. The New Hampshire Constitution Part 2, Article 9 states that House representation "...shall be as equal as circumstances will admit." There is agreement about the need to reapportion the districts; there is vast disagreement on how it should be done, and who will benefit.

There are at least seven plans for House redistricting, with widely varying plans for Tuftonboro. For example, House Speaker Gene Chandler's plan would combine Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro in a district with two seats, as well as making them part of a single-seat "floterial" district, along with Brookfield, Moultonborough, Sandwich, and Wakefield. House Minority Leader Peter Burling's plan would also put Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro in a district with two seats, but put both towns in a single-seat "floterial" district with Freedom, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, and Tamworth. The plan approved by the New Hampshire House and vetoed by Governor Shaheen put Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, and Sandwich in a two-seat district, and those towns along with Brookfield, Wakefield and Wolfeboro in a single-seat "floterial" district. Yet another plan puts those six towns in a "floterial" district with three seats. The choice of dancing partners may be critical to whose toes are stepped on.

What is going on here? While most Carroll County seats are probably "safe" for the Republicans no matter which towns are combined, the same is not true in the

southern part of New Hampshire, and the parties are also trying to avoid contests between their incumbents. The result is classic Gerrymandering, named after Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry, who was later U.S. Vice President under James Madison. He did not originate the practice, but a political cartoon in *The Boston Weekly Messenger* popularized the name. There are several variations on the technique: the "wasted vote" which dilutes opposition voting across many districts, the "excess vote" which concentrates the opposition in just a few districts, and the "stacked vote" which draws bizarre district boundaries to benefit one party.

Most democracies use independent or multi-party commissions to draw district boundaries; in the U.S. only a handful of states do this. As a last resort, the issue is thrown into the courts. Unlike the legislature, the Supreme Court cannot use political criteria to draw boundaries; it must stick to the math of the "one person, one vote" principle. The Court has warned it may subdivide large towns in southern New Hampshire to do so; when faced with the conflicting constitutional requirements of equal representation and maintaining town boundaries, "one person, one vote" wins. The Justices also questioned the scarcity of single-member districts in the plans presented to it. The Republicans could lose a significant number of seats if the Court acts as it has indicated.

Why no compromise, therefore? Is it just plain stubbornness or are there other reasons? One theory is that the Republicans are hoping the Court will impose a redistricting plan that would be effective only until the legislature is able to enact its own plan. If a Republican Governor wins the next election, they might be able to roll over the Democrats. Another theory is that the Republicans are trying to use the New Hampshire Supreme Court as a scapegoat for whatever plan emerges; they are already angry at the Court over the school funding issue, and may hope to gain political capital for their proposed constitutional amendment. Some believe the lack of compromise is a Democratic plan to make the Republicans look bad.

This standoff is a political minefield. Elections will be delayed, fingers will be pointed in all directions, lawyers will have years of work, and hard feelings will endure. The concerns of Tuftonboro and many other towns will be hard to hear over the sound and fury. As George Bernard Shaw wrote: "Democracy is a device that insures we shall be governed no better than we deserve."
Ralph Kirschner



Early postcard showing "Melvin Village Boat Landing, Melvin Village, N.H." Courtesy of Mary Hunter

ROBERT FROST'S SUMMER IN THE OSSISPEES

Lawrence Thompson, in his book *Robert Frost—the Early Years, 1874–1915*, has carefully chronicled the details of the poet's life as a young man. Of particular interest is a section which describes a summer Frost spent in the Ossipees in 1895. At that time Robert was courting a young woman, Elinor White, but the relationship was shaky as Elinor was reluctant to marry this young man of no means and no demonstrated ambition to earn a proper living. Nonetheless, Elinor agreed that Frost could accompany her and her sister Leona White Harvey to spend the summer at Ossipee Mountain Park where Leona had been invited to paint the portraits of the grandchildren of the late Benjamin Franklin Shaw who had created this special mountaintop estate/resort.

During the previous school year Frost, to demonstrate to Elinor his serious intent to settle down, was engaged in tutoring at his mother's school in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Although he was supposed to tutor two summer students, Robert could not bear to be away from Elinor for so long, so he agreed to make the trip with the girls, first traveling by train to Alton Bay, then by the steamboat *Mt. Washington* across Lake Winnepesaukee to Moultonboro, and finally by carriage up the side of the mountain to the hotel in the park. Leona and Elinor were given a small cottage, but Robert had to find his own quarters with meager funds. Upon inquiring around, he was told there were several houses remaining from an early settlement further up the mountain beyond the park. Two families remained—the Lees and the Hornes. Young Frost set out to find these houses. The first he encountered was a dilapidated one story cottage. Undaunted, he knocked at the door which was answered by Henry Horne, a bearded giant of a man. As it happened, Henry was about to leave for summer farm work down on the lakeshore. The interior was as dismal as the outside, with only the barest necessities, but Robert Frost agreed to rent the place. Part of the bargain was that he was to keep watch over Henry's barrels of hard cider, which he was given permission to sample.

Robert did not actually see as much of Elinor as he wished as she was often occupied with the Shaw grandchildren or the family's friends. Occasionally they would meet unexpectedly, an odd moment of both estrangement and intimacy which Frost once tried to capture in a poem. His loneliness was worse at night since he had never slept alone before, always sleeping in his mother's room because he was afraid of the dark. However, he had brought along a single shot pistol to the Horne house, and this bolstered his confidence. But not enough to give him courage when one night he was startled awake by a knock at the door. Terrified he leapt through the kitchen window, calling "Come in" as he left. Peering through the window he saw the door begin to creak open, and without waiting to see who or what it was, Frost fled, without shoes, in only his trousers and underwear. All night he wandered between the house and hotel, afraid to go to either place. At daybreak he returned to the house, only to find one of his mountain neighbors in an inebriated sleep on the floor.

The terror of that night haunted Frost for years. He

tried to exorcize the experience in a poem "The Lockless Door." Despite his inner turmoil he resolutely kept from Elinor what he himself called cowardice. Toward the end of the summer, when he was supposed to return to Lawrence to tutor his two students, Robert managed to prolong his Ossipee Mountain stay by inviting the boys to spend three weeks with him "camping" in the Horne house. He taught them geometry and English grammar, interspersed with mountain climbing. At the end of that summer, Robert, Elinor, Leona, and the two boys returned to Lawrence, Massachusetts. That summer of 1895 was Frost's first visit to this part of New Hampshire and "he immediately came under the spell of the region."

Ann Hackl

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Boating season is officially underway although hampered somewhat by poor weather. The local TufWolf detachment has been busy helping boaters be "Boat Smart from the Start." A boating safety "Waypoints Course" was presented to eighty-eight 4th, 5th and 6th graders at the Tuftonboro Central School on June 14th as part of the Law Enforcement Day activities. Another "Boating Safely" course is scheduled for June 22 at the Huggins Hospital Meeting Room. Students successfully completing this course will qualify for a certificate that meets the requirement of the NH Safe Boating Law that all boat operators complete a safe boating course by 2008.

Recognizing that "Safe Boating Requires a Safe Boat," the TufWolf members who are qualified as Vessel Examiners have this season conducted forty Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks at Wolfboro and Tuftonboro docks and marinas. Other safety check stations are planned throughout the boating season. Watch your local paper for dates and times.

Several members of the local unit, which is part of Flotilla 27 in Portsmouth, have also been busy completing on-the-water training to become qualified as Auxiliary Boat Crew Members in order to man CG Safety Patrols during the summer boating season while the regular Coast Guard deals with harbor security concerns.

Note that the Coast Guard requires all boat crews to wear life jackets (personal flotation devices - PFDs) at all times while on the water. When water temperatures are below 50 degrees they must wear cold water survival gear as well. PFDs can be a little uncomfortable at times, especially in the warm weather, but if you fall overboard or capsize and are not wearing one it won't be much help. The new automatically inflatable PFDs are making it possible to wear your flotation gear all the time in relative comfort and it will be there if you need it.

Ken Cookson



HUMANE SOCIETY

While many Americans understand the need to protect their dogs from various diseases like heartworm and parvo, we at Lakes Region Humane Society often hear from people who have not given the same respect to the many diseases which can afflict their feline pets.

Feline leukemia, a retrovirus excreted in saliva and tears, is the most important infectious disease agent producing fatal illness in domestic cats today, according to the Cornell Feline Health Center. Yet, many of the cats we see at the shelter have never been tested or vaccinated for this deadly disease.

FeLV passes from cat to cat and from mother cat to her kittens, either in utero or after birth. Once a cat has the disease, it may live for several weeks or several months. A percentage of cats exposed to the virus develop immunity and can live a normal life span. However, FeLV might break out at a later date in these cats, after being stressed or upon using medications that suppress their immune systems. There are vaccinations for the prevention of the disease, but, as with many vaccines, these are not 100% effective. With that in mind, cat owners with more than one cat in the household would be wise to test their cats and keep them indoors. If a cat tests positive, a second test can be run in three months. All positive testing cats should be kept isolated from other cats in the household and should remain indoors only.

FeLV positive cats do not necessarily require euthanasia. Keeping the cat indoors and isolated from other cats and maintaining good cleaning habits can add months or years to the life of an infected cat. There is no current evidence that suggests that FeLV can be transmitted to humans or to dogs.

If your household has cats, particularly outdoor/indoor cats, testing for FeLV is essential to protect them from this incurable and often deadly virus. Talk to your veterinarian about feline leukemia and learn how to prevent the disease and how to treat the problem should it arise. Don't forget to inquire about other deadly cat diseases, such as feline AIDS. Your cat's good health depends on you!

Caroline Hess

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2002

July			
5	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Sign Up for Tuftonboro Childrens Swim Program	19 Mile Bay Beach
6	8:30 AM - Noon	Friends of the Library Annual Book and Bake Sale	Tuft. Free Library
6	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Sign Up for Tuftonboro Childrens Swim Program	19 Mile Bay Beach
8	9:00 AM	Tuftonboro Childrens Swim Program Starts	19 Mile Bay Beach
11	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Special Event	Tuft. Free Library
July 10 - Aug 9		Douglas Coughlin - Magic Show & Juggling	
		TCS Math., Reading and Writing Summer School	Tuft. Central School
		Mornings- Call 569-2050	
13	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Grange - Bean Supper	Grange Hall
18	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Disney Movie - "Road to El Dorado"	Tuft. Free Library
20	10:00 AM-Sold Out	Melvin Village Community Church Annual Auction	MVCC Grounds
25	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Hikers House Tour	Scheduled Homes
25	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Special Event	Tuft. Free Library
		UNH Theatre Department - " Little Red Wagon"	
27	9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Melvin Village Community Church Annual Church Fair	MVCC Grounds
27	5:00 & 6:30 PM	Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church	Tuft. Meth. Church
		Teriyaki Chicken (Reservations Peg Newton 569-6928)	
27	5:30 PM	Grange Supper (Reservation, Florence Perkins - 569-2041)	Grange Hall
28	7:30 PM	Historical Society Meeting	Willing Workers Hall
		The Mirror Lake Church - Speaker, Dick Frye	
August			
1	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Disney Movie - "Dinosaur"	Tuft. Free Library
5	8:45 AM - Noon	Church Adventure Week Begins Aug 5 - 9	MVCC
8	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Disney Movie - "Tall Tale"	Tuft. Free Library
10	3:00 PM	Abenaki Tower and Trail Association Annual Meeting	Tuft. Free Library
11	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Libby Museum 90th Anniversary Celebration - Open to Public	Libby Museum
15	2:00 PM	Library Kids Program Disney Movie - "Flubber"	Tuft. Free Library
15	7:00 PM	Friends of the Library Annual Meeting - Caravan Concert	Tuft. Free Library
17	9:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Historical Society Annual Craft Fair and Flea Market	Historical Soc. Museum
24	5:00 & 6:30 PM	Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church	Tuft. Meth. Church
		Braised Beef (Reservations Peg Newton 569-6928)	
24	5:30 PM	Grange Supper (Reservations - Florence Perkins - 569-2041)	Grange Hall
29	9:00 AM - Noon	Open Classrooms - Check out your "new" classroom	Tuft. Central School
31	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Flea Market and Giant Yard Sale	MVCC Grounds
		Call 539-6560 to rent a table	
September			
3	8:35 AM	School Begins	Tuft. Central School
10	7:00 PM	Tuftonboro School PTCO Meets, everyone welcome	Tuft. Central School
21	5:30 PM	Grange Supper(Reservations - FlorencePerkins - 5692041)	Grange Hall
22	6:30 PM	Historical Society Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Supper	Willing Workers Hall
		Camp Sentinel - Speaker, Dan Rhoda	
26	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	TCS Open House - Dinner and Book Sale	Tuft. Central School
28	5:00 & 6:30 PM	Church Supper - Tuftonboro Corner Methodist Church	Tuft. Meth. Church
		Turkey Pie (Reservations Peg Newton 569-6928)	

Tuftonboro Free Library Summer Programs

Summer Reading Program - Lions and Tigers and Books, Oh My! July and August

Kids Summer Program - Programs or movies every Thursday at 2:00 PM - July 11th through August 15th.

Special Programs on July 11th and July 25th details in the calendar above.



Early Postcard of the Mirror Lake Church, built in 1864 by a group of twenty-six persons from Mirror Lake and Tuftonboro Neck and named the Second Christian Church of Tuftonboro. Elder Daniel A. Wiggin was the first pastor for thirty-six years. To learn more about the history of this church, attend a lecture by Dick Frye at the Tuftonboro Historical Society on July 28th at 7:30 PM, Willing Workers Hall, Melvin Village. (*Postcard courtesy of Mary Hunter*)

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